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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Mr. Hoffses of Knox.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Leases of Right to Take Marine Algae on Submerged  
Lands.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, submerged land is one of Maine's greatest potential assets; and

Whereas, in order to develop these lands and to harvest marine algae the following legislation is vitally necessary to begin operations as soon as possible this summer; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**R. S., T. 1, § 26, amended.** The first sentence of section 26 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The power to lease the right to gather and harvest kelp **and other marine algae** on the submerged lands and reefs within the jurisdiction of the State, seaward of mean low-water mark, ~~and east of 69 degrees 45 minutes west longitude~~ is vested in the Governor and Council who shall have authority to make leases to such persons and upon such terms and for such length of time, except as otherwise limited, as they may prescribe.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.